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MAY PRICES RECEIVED MIXED

SIOUX FALLS, May 31, 2007 -- Preliminary May prices were up from April for corn, soybeans, sunflower, spring wheat, alfalfa and other hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Preliminary prices for calves and steers and heifers were down, while barrows and gilts, sows, and cows were up.

For May, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.51, was down 20 cents from last month but up 41 cents from last May. The spring wheat price, at \$4.86, was 9 cents higher than last month and 62 cents higher than last year. The May soybean price, at \$6.95, was 26 cents higher than last month and \$1.52 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$3.25, was up 4 cents from last month and up \$1.33 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$16.70, was up 30 cents from last month and up \$6.30 from last year.

The preliminary May barrow and gilt price, at \$54.90, was up \$5.40 from last month and up \$4.50 from last year, while sows, at \$31.90, were up \$4.10 from April and up \$1.70 from May 2006.

The preliminary May steer and heifer price, at \$98.50, was down \$1.50 from April but up \$8.90 from May of last year. Calves, at \$121.00, were down \$1.00 from last month and down \$3.00 from May 2006.

The May alfalfa price, at \$97.00 per ton, was up \$1.00 from last month and up \$28.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$79.00, was up \$1.00 from last month and up \$24.00 from May 2006.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	May 2006 ¹	April 2007 ¹	May 2007 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	1.92	3.21	3.25
Soybeans	Bu.	5.43	6.69	6.95
Sunflower	Cwt.	10.40	16.40	16.70
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.18	4.74	4.69
Winter	Bu.	4.10	4.71	4.51
Other Spring	Bu.	4.24	4.77	4.86
Barley, All	Bu.	2.11	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.72	2.57	2.55
Hay, All	Ton	68.00	93.00	95.00
Alfalfa	Ton	69.00	96.00	97.00
Other	Ton	55.00	78.00	79.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	82.20	93.40	90.20
Cows	Cwt.	48.60	49.00	52.60
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	89.60	100.00	98.50
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	124.00	122.00	121.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	48.20	47.30	52.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	50.40	49.50	54.90
Sows	Cwt.	30.20	27.80	31.90
Lambs	Cwt.	99.00	94.70	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	29.90	25.20	NA

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Over 500 lbs. ⁴ Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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